Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims replaces and supersedes all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A sealed relay for alternating current load, which controls a resistance load comprising an alternating voltage of 80 V to 300 V and a rated current of 5 to 25 A by an Ag-based contact element disposed in a closed space, wherein the Ag-based contact element consists essentially of 4.0 to 20.0 wt. % of an iron oxide and Ag as the balance.

2. (Previously Presented) A method of increasing an endurance life of a sealed relay for alternating current load, which controls a resistance load comprising an alternating voltage of 80 V to 300 V and a rated current of 5 to 25 A, wherein an Ag-based contact element consists essentially of 4.0 to 20.0 wt. % of an iron oxide and Ag as the balance is disposed in a closed space to control said resistance load.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented and Withdrawn) A sealed relay for alternating current load, which controls a resistance load comprising an alternating voltage of 80 V to 300 V and a rated current of 5 to 25 A by an Ag-based contact element disposed in a closed space, wherein the Ag-based contact element employs an Ag-based contact element material consisting essentially of 4.0 to 20.0 wt. % of an iron

oxide, 0.1 to 2.5 wt. % of oxides of one or more selected from the group consisting of magnesium, aluminum, indium, lanthanum, cerium and samarium, and Ag as the balance.

5. (Previously Presented and Withdrawn) A method of increasing an endurance life of a sealed relay for alternating current load, which controls a resistance load comprising an alternating voltage of 80 V to 300 V and a rated current of 5 to 25 A, wherein an Ag-based contact element comprising the Ag-based contact element material consists essentially of 4.0 to 20.0 wt. % of an iron oxide, 0.1 to 2.5 wt. % of oxides of one or more selected from the group consisting of magnesium, aluminum, indium, lanthanum, cerium and samarium, and Ag as the balance is disposed in a closed space to control said resistance load.

6. (New) A sealed relay for alternating current load, which controls a resistance load comprising an alternating voltage of 80 V to 300 V and a rated current of 5 to 25 A by an Ag-based contact element disposed in a closed space, wherein the Ag-based contact element consists essentially of 4.0 to 20.0wt. % of an iron oxide and no other essential oxide or 0.1 to 2.5wt. % of at least one oxide selected from the group consisting of magnesium, aluminum, indium, lanthanum, cerium and samarium, and Ag as the balance.

7. (New) A method of increasing an endurance life of a sealed relay for alternating current load, which controls a resistance load comprising an alternating voltage of 80 V to 300 V and a rated current of 5 to 25 A, where an Ag-based contact element consisting essentially of 4.0 to 20.0 wt. % of an iron oxide, and either no other essential oxide or 0.1 to 2.5wt. % of at least one oxide selected from the group consisting of magnesium, aluminum,

indium, lanthanum, cerium and samarium, and Ag as the balance, is disposed in a closed space to control said resistance load.